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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 February 1965

General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: Vietnam, roadwatcher information from Laos indicates continuing movements of NVN and VC into Laos from NVN (a memo is being done on this subject), ChiCom propaganda and subversive developments in Western and Central Africa, French considering further withdrawal from NATO activities, new military front appears to be opening on the Congo-Uganda frontier,

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Ambassador Thompson's discussion with Dobrynin re Vietnam on 15 February, and Chou plans to visit Middle East countries next month.

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DDS&T reported that a route map for the TACKLE mission and an NPIC affidavit will be available for General Carter's review sometime between noon and 2:00 p.m. today. DDS&T noted that BLUESPRINGS and SAC operations are scheduled for tomorrow also and coordination on all these is being worked out.

DDS&T noted that there is doubt about the extent to which the Soviets may have corrected their Mars probe and that it could end up the winter in the dual competition.

DDS&T cited some reactions to the two Agency cables sent out over the weekend re CORONA.

DDS&T said he would report to General Carter privately on a meeting in the Pentagon yesterday attended by Land, Fubini, McMillan, and Wheelon.

DDS&T gave General Carter a paper concerning [redacted] versus [redacted] and suggested that some ground work might be laid at USIB this morning.

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Houston reported that Congressman Marsh will be here for breakfast on 4 March. He also reported that Mahon has not completed organization of his Committee, and until this is done there will be no Agency budget hearings.

Houston reported on the status of Early Retirement Regulations. We are satisfied with them, the outside consulting lawyers concur, and BOB hopes to sign off by the end of the week.

Houston reported that the Long Committee intends to question [] and other witnesses only on privacy matters affecting Treasury and Food and Drug. The subject has been coordinated with Secret Service and FBI.

DDI tabled a DDI memo assessing Nasser's difficulties and noted that it will not be disseminated as an NIE will be forthcoming in about one month.

DDI asked for current guidance on press contacts and was told by General Carter that injunctions against them remain the same as recently stated by DCI.

General Carter noted that an NSC meeting had been scheduled for 1630 today and that Bundy had suggested the DCI might attend. (In a later telephone conversation between General Carter and Mr. McCone it was agreed that General Carter would take the meeting. Mr. McCone will not return.) DDI observed that he had discussed the lack of meetings with McGeorge Bundy yesterday who gave the impression that planning now rests solely with the President and Bundy.

Speaking of plans to perhaps surface SIGINT [] date relating to Vietnam, General Carter referred to his conversation yesterday with [] who assured him that no final decisions will be made pending intelligence community and DCI advice.

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